

THE TIMES.

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CURRENT TOPICS.

The temples in Delaware are almost entirely built of human skulls.

The bath in which Charlotte Corday killed Marat is said to be for sale.

General Booth says the Salvation Army will number 20,000,000 in 1900.

A widow in Harrisburg has beaten the record by eloping with two coachmen.

"We have too many bath-tubs; we keep too clean to be healthy," says a New York doctor.

The world is coming to an end May 14, 2868, according to the calculations of the Adventists.

In the rubber industry 20,000 persons find employment, making \$30,000,000 worth of goods a year.

The Governor of Massachusetts gets a salary of \$5,000 a year, and the Mayor of Boston \$10,000.

An English mastiff, the largest dog of the kind ever exhibited, sold not long ago for the sum of \$1,500.

It is estimated that over 4,000 persons are annually buried in the "Potter's Field" of New York city.

Bridge makers are busier than they have been for a long time. Railroad orders are coming in rapidly.

By the end of 1898 the reconstruction of the French war material will have cost 2,170,000 francs.

A prominent dentist says that tooth-brushes and tooth-powders do the teeth more harm than good.

Miss Alice Field, a daughter of Cyrus W. Field, is writing a story, the scene of which is laid in Sicily.

Cremation in Paris will soon be available for the general public at the small cost of \$2.50 for each operation.

About ten per cent of the labor army is idle throughout the United States. Wages are about the same as last year.

General Sheridan ascribes the entire Indian troubles to the leases and the presence of whites on the reservations.

General Joseph E. Johnston is now seventy-eight years old. His hair and beard are nearly as white as snow.

The Hebrew philanthropist, Sir Moses Montefiore, is called by one of his eulogists the most illustrious Jew since David and Solomon.

The largest and oldest collection of penny ballads in the United States is said to be in a little store on North Tenth street, Providence, Rhode Island.

A bottle of purple ink was mistakenly opened for port wine at a Detroit supper, and fourteen guests filled their mouths with the liquid in pledging the host.

Five magnificent granite statues, all supposed to represent Ramesses II., have been discovered at Luxor, Egypt. Four of them are damaged, but one is perfect.

During the recent hot spell the asphalt pavements of Washington melted so nearly into a fluid condition that reports say the sparrows stuck fast when they alighted.

In accordance with General Grant's expressed wish, his grandchildren, born in England, the children of Mrs. Sartoris, will be brought to this country and educated.

A correspondent at Asbury Park, N. J., says that the Jersey girls yearn for red heads, and anybody who can invent the right black for dark tresses can make a fortune.

The swimming of the turbulent East River by a mad tightly bound with rope, hand and foot, shows that floating and swimming are more a matter of mental control than physical exertion.

Dr. Lewis says that he was practicing his profession in Buffalo during '49 and '51, those memorable cholera seasons, and saw at least five cases of cholera on the shady side of the street known as the sunny side.

The Egyptian obelisk in Central Park, New York, is decomposing even more rapidly than was feared, and Professor Eglington has pronounced the opinion that unless it be put under cover, it will in fifteen years be beyond repair.

FRUIT is never so cheap in the South as they now are, the price per pound being from three and three-fourths cents to five cents. Last year prices were high, and the result was a heavily increased acreage and an overflowing crop.

CITIZENS of Nashville and Red Bud, Ill., are kicking themselves because they allow a rascal to pass a miserable counterfeit \$20 silver certificate upon them. So faulty was it that the letters R and T in certificate were printed upside down.

GENOVA has a society for the benefit of invalid and weakly children, who are sent to a summer home at Cetta in the South of France, where they have a six weeks' holiday with sea bathing. Seventy-four children were lately dispatched in a body to Cetta.

WATERMELON seed pools are the newest style of gambling. Each player puts in a quarter, or any other sum agreed upon, makes his guess; then the melon is cut and the seeds are counted, and the best guesser takes the pool. Something over 600 seems to be the average number.

EUROPEAN savants are now discussing the question: "How far can we see?" That depends upon what we are looking at. Some people can't see a bill collector when he is in the hall and they are in the adjoining room holding their breath while the servant girl stands him off.

THE Goshen (N. Y.) police force has been supplied with rawhide whips, to be carried during the daytime instead of the ordinary lousc sticks. Owing to the ease and safety with which they can be wielded, it is said they inspire more terror among evil-doers than the old-fashioned clubs.

CAPTAIN FRED. ZENDEL, of Erie, Pa., died from a peculiar cause a few days ago. His mother, to whom he was strongly attached, breathed her last, and in carrying the corpse he became inoculated with matter which oozed from her body and expired in great agony from blood poisoning.

A PIECE of evidence in a Quebec breach of promise case was a cuff with an offer of marriage written on it. One sight, while the defendant was holding the plaintiff's hand and whispering fervid words, he popped the question in manuscript on the smooth lines at her wrist. She was sentimental or shrewd enough to keep that article out of the wash, and now it is of practical value.

CONDITION OF CORN.

Estimated Yield Twenty-six to Twenty-seven Bushels Per Acre.

Most Favorable Reports Received by the Agricultural Bureau.

WASHINGTON, August 10.—The Agricultural Bureau reports that the corn crop has made an improvement since the last report, and indications are that the yield will be twenty-six to twenty-seven bushels per acre. There has been an average decline of four points in spring wheat, which indicates a reduction of six million bushels from expectations on July 1. No reports concerning the threshing of winter wheat are received, except in the South. In Texas the outcome is greater than was expected, and higher rates of yield are reported. Corn—the crop has made an improvement since the last report. The average stands four points lower than the standard of full condition, and indicates a yield, with reasonable moisture and favorable temperature hereafter, of twenty-six to twenty-seven bushels per acre. The average for August of 1894 was the same, but fell three points during the six days following, when the yield was twenty-five bushels. In 1879 the average for August was 49, and the ultimate yield, as reported by the census, was twenty-eight bushels. The increase has been 2 points in New York, 3 in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, 2, Alabama, 1, Michigan, 4, Illinois, 4, Missouri, 2, Kansas, 7, Nebraska, 3, and Iowa 9. There has been a slight decline in Pennsylvania, Maryland, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. In the corn surplus States the averages are: Ohio 96, Indiana 95, Illinois 94, Iowa 101, Nebraska 100, Missouri 89, Kansas 90. Correspondents report drought in some places, an excess of rain in others, but well drained and deeply cultivated land has suffered little from drought or super-saturation. The meteorological conditions have been generally favorable. The prospect has not been exceeded since 1880.

Into the Canal.

MERRITON, Ont., August 10.—As a heavily laden Pacific express, drawn by two engines, was entering the Grand Trunk yards here this afternoon, it was found that the air-brakes would not work, and that the train could not be stopped with the hand-brakes. The swing bridge at the crossing of the Welland Canal, just beyond the depot, was partly opened, and the train dived past the depot, and both engines and the foremost cars were plunged into the canal and the adjoining pond. Engineer Cox, of London, was found in the water beside the boiler of the engine. The express men of Buffalo were badly scalded, and died this evening. S. Jackson, train porter of Niagara Falls, had his back hurt, and was injured internally. R. Gurd, porter of Niagara Falls, had his shoulder dislocated. The passengers all escaped injury.

A Family Killed by Lightning.

ROCK RAPIDS, La., August 10.—Reliable information is received here that during a severe thunder storm which passed over this county, Saturday evening, a farm house about twenty miles south of the town was struck by lightning and all the inmates killed. The inmates consisted of John McGuire, his wife and three children. In the western part of the county a house was struck by lightning and burned, but nobody was hurt. The house of Joseph H. Wagner, two miles east of here, was also struck and severely damaged, though nobody was hurt. The storm was accompanied by little rain, but a heavy rain fell during the night.

Effect of High License in Wisconsin.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., August 10.—The new high-license law of Wisconsin, increasing the minimum rate of saloon license from \$75 to \$200, has now been in force three months, and returns from some one hundred towns in the State show that the aggregate number of saloons has been diminished by 207; that the aggregate amount of annual revenue is \$224,000 greater than last year, and the saloons generally are under better regulation.

Texas Millionaire Dies in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, August 10.—More Phillips died at the Monmouth House, Spring Lake, yesterday afternoon, aged seventy-five years. He was one of the largest real estate owners in Texas. Many years ago he was shipwrecked on the coast of Texas, and was so deluged with the country that he bought a large tract of land and erected the first house upon the ground where the city of Galveston now stands. His fortune is estimated at \$10,000,000.

Massachusetts' Population.

BOSTON, August 10.—Colonel Carroll D. Wright states that a rough estimate of the population of Massachusetts, based on the returns which have been received for the census of 1885, will make the number of the inhabitants of Massachusetts 1,940,000, a gain of about 100,000 on the United States census of 1880. He expects to have the complete result ready in September.

Two Men Dashed to Death.

GRAND RAPIDS, August 10.—While painting the dial of the clock in the tower of the Second Street Methodist Church this morning, John Fox and Fred Schurer were thrown to the ground, a distance of seventy feet, by the scaffold getting away from them. Fox was killed outright, his neck broken. He leaves a widow and four children. Schurer's ribs were crushed in, and he died at noon.

Accidentally Shot.

OLNEY, Ill., August 10.—Thomas Eckeroode, between twelve and thirteen years of age, son of S. J. Eckeroode, of this city, accidentally shot himself this afternoon at Sumner, Ill., with a loaded shotgun, and it is reported he can not live. Mr. Eckeroode and wife, the boy's parents, are at present visiting relatives somewhere in Pennsylvania.

The Sweetheart Dead, and Lover Dying.

URICA, N. Y., August 10.—Edward Preston, of South Oselle, Chenango County, went to the house of his sweetheart, Tilda Manor, this morning, and as she sat at the breakfast table, drew three shots at her. The last shot killed her instantly. Preston then fired the pistol to his own head and died. He now lies at the point of death.

Missionaries Massacred.

PARIS, August 10.—It is officially reported from Tonquin that the Black Flag recently attacked five Christian missions, killing the missionaries and slaughtering a large number of their followers. Eight thousand of the fleeing Christians took refuge with the French troops.

Murderess Barred.

OSAGE MINN., August 10.—Mrs. Frankie Morris, who was found guilty of the murder of her mother for the insurance money, yesterday, was married, the evening to Harvey D. Copeland, of Wichita, Kansas.

The St. Louis Trunk Murderer.

ST. LOUIS, August 10.—Marshall, the St. Louis trunk murderer, was arrested in this city in charge of detectives.

BROKEN UP.

Thousands of Bogus Half Dollars and a Wagon-Load of Machinery Confiscated.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., August 9.—John Duffy, alias Dunfield, alias Snyder, one of the most expert counterfeiters in the United States, was arrested last night by Secret Service officers, and a complete counterfeiting mill, the largest and most elaborate ever found in a counterfeiter's possession, was found in his house in Sunnerville, a suburb of Philadelphia. Two thousand bogus half dollars, in process of manufacture, and nearly \$1,000 in coin of the same denomination, ready to put in the market, formed part of the capture. The dies and stamps were of the most costly pattern, and the counterfeit coin itself was so well executed as to defy detection by an expert. Ten months ago Duffy came to Philadelphia and rented a small two-story house at Godley and Wistar streets, in Sunnerville. To the neighbors he appeared like a quiet sort of man, who attended to his own business, and created no suspicion by his movements. No one knew what he did for a living, but the village gossips generally believed him to be a contractor of some sort. Lights were frequently seen in the house late at night, and there were many callers, who always appear to be on a traveling tour, for they invariably carried hand-sachels. Still the village folks suspected nothing, and Duffy, who went under the name of Snyder, always paid his bills promptly and never grumbled about the price of anything, he was treated with respect. About six months ago one of Duffy's old pals, for a fancied grievance of some years standing, "peached" on his former companion, but did not give the exact location. The house was discovered after several weeks' hard work, and a "shadow" placed on it. Meantime Secret Service Agent Scanlon had taken Chief of Detectives Kelley of this city into his confidence, and he put Detective Peter Miller on the case. Night and day from then until the capture was made to-night his house has been constantly watched. Several times the officers were on the point of making a descent, but put it off for fear the game might be frightened off. This evening at 6 o'clock the detectives returned, and the capture was made to-night. The counterfeit dies and stamps, all of the most costly character, were discovered. It took a big furniture wagon to carry away the machinery. The detectives then went to the cigar store of a man named Grant, where they will capture a counterfeit pure German silver, and selling off Grant except in the weight. Duffy is an old offender and has only been out of the Eastern Penitentiary a year for the same offense.

Greatest Cotton Crop for Many Years.

ATLANTA, Ga., August 9.—During the last ten days reports of the appearance of the cotton-planting in the various sections of the South with such frequency as to testify the fear that the finest cotton crop ever known was endangered. In order to ascertain precisely the extent of this danger, the Constitution addressed inquiries to its correspondents for information. To summarize, it may be said that the crop, as a whole, is the best for years, and that the yield will largely exceed any previous crop; that while in some localities the caterpillar has appeared as a pest, it is doing little or no damage; that it appears further that in those localities where the worms have appeared in their most malignant form, and there are very few such instances, they have as yet generally confined themselves to the foliage of the plant, and the fruit is but slightly injured; that they have appeared to a greater extent in localities where the crop is farthest advanced; that before they can do material injury the crop will be gathered, and that they have come a month earlier than they might have done serious injury.

The Cholera.

LONDON, August 9.—Ten cases of cholera, either sporadic or Asiatic, were reported in Paris yesterday, and of these only one fatal. Dr. Frouin, of the Sanitary board, says he is positive that neither the above nor any of the other fatal cases of cholera recently reported in Paris could be described as Asiatic. The Prefect of Police said that the authorities were taking every possible precaution against the epidemic. People are leaving the city in large numbers.

Paris, August 9.—Since the last report no more deaths from cholera have occurred in London. In Marseilles there were seventeen deaths from cholera today.

MADRID, August 9.—The reports of cholera for Saturday show 4,382 new cases and 1,638 deaths throughout Spain. Bonfires are burning in Madrid. The epidemic is increasing in Granada.

Cholera in Louisiana.

LAKE CHARLES, August 9.—The official reports show a large number of deaths have occurred in this city since Thursday. The Prefect of the department has been attacked by the disease.

Ferry Mopped.

LYONS, August 9.—Ex-Premier Ferry, who is visiting this city, was followed to his hotel to-day by a mob of several thousand people, shouting, "A bas Ferry! Tonquin!" M. Ferry reached the hotel without molestation, but the crowd gathered in front of the building, completely blocking the street, and remained about three hours, howling and cursing. Numerous fire fights occurred in the city, and it was with difficulty that the police finally compelled the rabble to disperse.

Military Centennial Celebration.

SAVANNAH, Ga., August 9.—The Chatham Artillery, of this city, will celebrate the centennial of the organization next May by a prize drill, in which the money prizes will aggregate \$5,500. Several of the most prominent military organizations in the country have already promised to be present, and the success of the enterprise is assured.

Fatal Fall Through a Bridge.

MOAWEATA, Ill., August 10.—Saturday night a steam thrasher broke through a bridge, and fell a distance of fourteen feet, near Todd's Point, in this county. Herman Claus, engineer, and Jacob Friesner, steerman, were severely bruised and scalded to death. The horses were also killed.

Kansas Wheat Crop.

TOPEKA, Kan., August 10.—Official reports indicate that the winter wheat crop of Kansas this year will amount to 865,000 bushels, an average of ten to the acre. Spring wheat, 1,250,000 bushels. Estimated crop of corn, 125,000,000 bushels; condition, 85 per cent.

Given Three Hundred Lashes.

ATLANTA, Ga., August 9.—Richard Hindman, colored, in Vilasville, who was guilty of assaulting a white lady, was given three hundred lashes by indignant white citizens.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Criminal Law Bill Passes Commons—Anglo-Chinese Alliance.

LONDON, August 7.—Whatever may be the nature or the cause of the cholera in Marseilles, and whatever view of the disease in that city may be adopted or published by the municipal and National authorities, it is certain that the scourge is spreading rapidly, and endangering the lives of the inhabitants throughout the city as well as of travelers who may be deceived as to the peril which threatens them there. The facts that continually come to light contradict the statements made by the officials, and betray a condition of things which menaces a still further spread of the epidemic. The latest of these unconcealable facts is the reopening of the Pharos Hospital, which has been absolutely necessary in consequence of the unabated increase of the cholera. All the beds in the other hospitals are already occupied, and if the number of cases continues to increase in the same ratio as at present, the Pharos will soon find its accommodations severely taxed.

VIENNA, August 7.—It appears to be decided that the Czar and Emperor Francis Joseph will meet at Kremstet, in Moravia, on the 24th inst. Artisans are working day and night preparing a palace for the reception of the Imperial visitors.

LONDON, August 7.—The criminal law amendment bill finally passed the House of Commons to-night. It was the delay in considering this bill which induced the *Pull Mall Gazette* to make its recent revelations.

LONDON, August 7.—A dispatch received from the Afghan frontier says a collision between bodies of Afghan and Russian troops is not improbable.

LONDON, August 7.—It is stated that an alliance offensive and defensive has been formed between England and China in view of war between the latter power and Russia. The *Morning Post* declares that no alliance offensive or defensive has been concluded between England and China.

German Girl Marries a Royal Chinese.

ST. PAUL, MINN., August 6.—Hon. Won Hong, a Celestial laundryman of this city, to-day married Mary Schneider, a German girl. The bride is extremely beautiful, and has been in America but six weeks. She has been employed as ironer in Hong's laundry. Hong is a good-looking Chinese with a big bank account, is a descendant of the royal family, and his father is Mayor of Canton, China. He proposes to give a grand banquet at the Hotel Ryan next week in honor of the marriage.

St. Paul, Minn., August 7.—August 7.

ST. PAUL, MINN., August 7.—August 7. A friend of the family of Mary Schneider, the German girl who married Hon. Won Hong, went into Hong's laundry yesterday in company with a policeman. They overpowered the Celestial and took the girl away. There is no law against miscegenation in this State, and as the girl is sixteen years the marriage is legal. Hong is bound to have her back and will institute suit against the abductors of his wife.

An Unrined Building Falls Fatally.

JERSEY CITY, N. Y., August 7.—A wall of the American Lead-pencil Company's three-story brick factory, at Fifth and Clinton streets, Hoboken, fell outward to-day, upon laborers who were excavating in an adjoining lot, and who carelessly had undermined the building. Two workmen were taken out dead, and it is feared others are under the debris. The factory is nearly ruined. The killed, as far as known, are James Hackett, twenty-six years, single, Jersey City; John Connors, forty-five years, of Hoboken, leaves a wife and six children. Their bodies were taken to the morgue. The wounded are: Contractor Jas. McLean, thirty-six years, probably fatally; John Geopon, ear cut off and badly hurt about the head and body. Jas. Carey, the contractor, who was doing the work, caused the accident, was arrested to-night and gave \$5,000 bail.

Horrible Railway Accident.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., August 7.—As a man named Dempsey, of Hamilton, accompanied by his sister, the wife of Fred Sanders, a lumber merchant here, and her sixteen-year-old son, was crossing the London and Port Stanley Railway track here to-day, a train struck the buggy in which the three were riding, completely demolishing it. Mrs. Sanders' body, from which the head was completely severed, was found twenty yards from the place of the accident. The child's body lay on the cow-catcher of the engine, and Dempsey's lifeless body, which was not badly mutilated, was found about seventy-five yards distant.

Five Persons Dashed Over the Rapids.

PORTLAND, Ore., August 9.—Last night a party of five, consisting of Jarvis Snyder, his wife and a daughter, aged five, Wm. Heffron and George Hansen, started across the Columbia River at Cascade Locks in a sail boat. The wind died down, and a pair of small cars which they had were useless. The boat was carried over the rapids and all the occupants were dashed against the rocks and drowned. The boat was picked up to-day below the rapids, but none of the bodies have been recovered.

Death From Grand Funeral Excitement.

GALVESTON, TEX., August 9.—Captain John M. Forshey, of the Galveston Artillery, died suddenly this morning from congestion of the brain, aged forty years. Captain Forshey personally supervised the firing of salutes yesterday in memory of General Grant, and it is thought that the exposure and excitement incidental to the occasion superinduced his death. Deceased was the son of the late Prof. Forshey, of New Orleans. He was a lieutenant in the Confederate army.

Peculiar Suicide.

LENOX, MASS., August 9.—At Miss Butler's residence, Friday, the head burner, Anotole Ledford, went to a room which has two iron bedsteads. He moved the beds so they stood a little over four feet apart, then attached an endless towel to the iron frame of one of the beds in such a way that it left a slip-noose near the center. He put his head through the noose, then lifted his feet and stuck them through the iron frame of the other bed. His weight tightened the noose around his neck, and he died from strangulation.

New Bureau of Labor Statistics.

WHEELING, W. Va., August 9.—The Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers have established a Bureau of Labor Statistics for the purpose of gathering reliable information from all parts of the country concerning the labor industries. Local lodges will report to the Grand Lodge officers weekly the number of men employed and idle, the iron, nails, &c. on hand, and any other items of importance, which will be published in the official organ of the association each week.

Contract Forfeited.

WASHINGTON, August 7.—Secretary Whitney has notified John Roach that his contract to build the steel cruiser "Chicago" has been forfeited.

THE DEATH PIT.

Twenty Coal Miners Suffocated in a Gas.

A Frightful Calamity in the Coal Regions of Pennsylvania.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., August 11.—A terrible explosion of gas took place in the West End Coal Company's mines, this morning, at Moccasin, fifteen miles from here. As far as can be learned ten miners were instantly killed, and several others dangerously injured. Four men have been brought to the surface dead, and four five more are in the mine and can not be reached owing to impure air. The boss at the mine says he notified the men before they entered the mine that the fan had been stopped, and that it was not safe for them to enter, as the mine was filling with gas. This is denied by the miners and laborers, who, on the contrary, say that he had told them to go to work; that the fan was broken, but would be repaired and put in working order in an hour. When they entered everything appeared to be all right, until they began to smell the fatal sulphur fumes, and before they could get out many were overcome and suffocated. The disaster is considered singular in its nature, and stands alone and unprecedented in the history of mining. It could have been easily foreseen and prevented, but being one of those singular oversights the cause of disaster escaped notice. Those who were overcome with gas and brought out of the mine are now doing well and are out of danger.

Plot to Assassinate Alfonso.

LONDON, August 11.—Paul Angula and other Spanish refugees in London are under surveillance, the Spanish Government having received information that a plot to assassinate King Alfonso has been arranged in England, and that emissaries have left England, via France, for the Spanish frontier. The Madrid Government is considering whether or not to demand the surrender of Angula on the charge of murder of General Prim. All the leading Republicans, including Castelar, Salmeron, Zorrilla and Marquall, declare that they have no sympathy with the Angula party. The *Globe*, Castelar's organ, declares that Angula should be classed among common criminals, and the *Progress* demands that he be brought to justice.

Heavy Rainfall in Missouri.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., August 11.—Another rain-storm occurred between 5 and 8 o'clock this evening. The storm has been the heaviest known here in years. The rainfall, including the storm this morning, was over 5 inches. All the streams in the vicinity are much swollen, and the Missouri River has risen over a foot. The damage in the city and suburbs will reach many thousands of dollars. In a number of the streets the pavements were washed away, the sidewalks broken, while cellars and basements were filled with water.

Ben Butler to Become a Cattle King.

PHILADELPHIA, August 11.—Articles of incorporation for the Union Land and Grazing Company were filed in the office of the Lancaster County Clerk to-day by Benjamin F. Butler, of Lowell, Mass.; Geo. M. Roberson, of Camden, and Oliver Y. Barrett, of Washington. The paid up capital of the company is \$250,000, and the object is to go into the stock-raising business on a very extensive scale in New Mexico and Colorado, where the company owns four hundred thousand acres of breeding and grazing lands.

Two Brothers Killed by a Bull.

ST. PAUL, MINN., August 11.—It is just learned that, on Sunday evening, as Hine and Steward Pond, brothers, were leading a Holstein bull to their farm, which is located about twelve miles from this city, the bull became unmanageable and attacked them. Both were killed almost instantly. They were unmarried. They were the sons of Elder Pond, ex-Indian Commissioner, one of the oldest and best known men in Minnesota up to the time of his death, four years ago. He was also a prominent Presbyterian minister.

Maxwell's Sanity Doubted.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 11.—Maxwell, the supposed St. Louis murderer, was taken East this afternoon. He maintained up to the time of leaving, the same cool, indifferent air which he manifested yesterday, and passed the day in smoking cigars, reading and reading novels. He consulted General Clinch, of this city, with a view of retaining him as attorney, but Clinch declined. Maxwell has proven himself such a consistent oddity that police officers have begun to doubt his sanity.

Mrs. Riel Crazy with Grief.

WINNEPEG, MAN., August 11.—When Mrs. Riel, who resides a few miles out of this city, heard of her husband's sentence, she became frantic, and rushed from her house to the woods, where she hid. She was only partially clothed and in her bare feet, and was nearly dead when found by her friends. So terrible is the shock she may never recover her reason. A great deal of sympathy is felt for her and her children, and a subscription list has been started for them, as they are penniless.

The Same Old Story.

LOWELL, MASS., August 11.—Mrs. Annie Carry attempted to light her fire with kerosene this afternoon while holding her six-months-old baby in her arms. The can exploded, and both mother and child were fatally burned. Mr. Carry, on being informed, became nearly insane.

Struck by a Train.

QUEBEC, August 11.—As a train on the Grand Trunk line was passing Blue Bonnets, Quebec, it struck an express wagon, in which were two men, named George Walsh and James Miller, and a boy. The two men were killed and the boy was seriously injured.

Lightning Kills a Lady.

DEVOIT, MINN., August 11.—The house of C. A. Clement, seven miles from here, was struck by lightning last night and his wife instantly killed and her body consumed by fire, which destroyed the house. Mr. Clement, one child and a hired man were badly injured.

During the last forty-five years.

Massachusetts has held the English mission nearly half the time. She has held this office under ten of the thirteen Presidents of that time. The line of eminent men she has furnished in this capacity is truly remarkable. In the list are included the three Admirals, Everett, Bancroft, Motley and Lowell. —Boston Transcript.

The Palace of Commerce at Memphis is completed.

It is described as one of the handsomest buildings in the South. It will be occupied by both the Merchants' and the Cotton Exchange. J. F. Johns, aged sixty, of Beawood, W. Va., in a fit of temporary insanity, hung himself in his room.

SOUTHERN NEWS GLEANINGS.

CAL SMITH, arrested with his brother William for the murder of Robert Virginia, died at Memphis, Tenn.

A MOB at Oakland, Miss., hanged a man named Vance, who recently killed his wife, and afterwards attempted to kill himself.

W. S. DORRIS died at Graysville, Ga., recently, aged 115 years. He had a recollection of events over 100 years ago, and could tell about the War of 1812, as well as the Revolution and Indian wars.

NEAR Calhoun, Ga., the other night, the house of Anderson Cobb was entered by Silas Whitehead, a negro, who feloniously assaulted a young lady of the house. He escaped on alarm, but was subsequently caught and jailed. Great excitement prevails.

The Georgia Senate passed the Prohibition bill by an overwhelming majority.

WM. PARKS, a colored man, living in Annerst County, Va., is under arrest charged with starving his children, four of seven having died from lack of sustenance, and the others being greatly emaciated. He did it because a woman he loved wouldn't marry him while he had so many children.

A TEN-YEAR-OLD daughter of Henry Clements, who lives in the backwoods regions of Jackson County, N. C., strayed away from home one morning, recently, and was not missed until evening. A search resulted in finding her mangled body in the woods, half eaten by wild animals. There were evidences of an awful struggle in the vicinity, and the bushes far and near were covered with blood. The animals are believed to have been wildcats.

JOHN H. BRADLEY, the alleged murderer of U. S. Deputy Marshal W. Lee Miller, and Bate Bradley, Allen Brown and Henry Moore, charged with complicity in the crime, had a preliminary